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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the  
remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please delete claim 1

Please add the following new claims:

*MCJ*  
26. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a  
nucleotide portion of SEQ ID NO:1, said nucleotide portion  
encoding at least 3 amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.

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27. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 26,  
encoding at least 5 amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.